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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1.   A method operative with respect to a telephone conversation having at least one party operating a mobile
5   telephone, the method comprising:

writing data to a billing record to indicate that a second party has been billed for mobile telephone airtime charges of the at least one party operating a mobile
10   telephone, wherein the second party is a party other than the at least one party operating a mobile telephone and the second party is other than a party initiating the call.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the second party is a
15   party to the telephone conversation.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the second party is operating a mobile telephone.

4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the second party is operating a telephone that is not a mobile telephone.

20   5.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving an indication from the second party; and

responsive to the indication, performing the writing
25   step.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the indication includes a signal generated in response to the second party's actuating a control on a telephone.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

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connecting a telephone call from the at least one party operating a mobile telephone to the second party; and

responsive to connecting the telephone call, performing

10 the writing step.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

writing data to the billing record to indicate that the second party has been billed for additional charges of

15 the at least one party operating a mobile telephone that are other than mobile telephone airtime charges.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the additional charges include at least one of long distance charges, local toll charges, and local telephone call charges.

20 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an indication to the at least one party operating a mobile telephone that the at least one party operating a mobile telephone will not be billed for the

25 mobile telephone airtime charges.

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11. A method comprising:

receiving a request from a first party to accept charges
accrued by a second party for a telephone call in

5 progress; and

responsive to the request, writing data to a billing
record to indicate that the first party has been billed
for the telephone call.

10 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the charges include
at least one of mobile telephone airtime charges,
long-distance charges, and local telephone charges.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein the second party
operates a mobile telephone.

15 14. The method of claim 11, wherein the second party
operates a telephone that is not a mobile telephone.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein the indication
includes a signal generated in response to the second
party's actuating a control on a telephone.

20 16. A computer program product in a computer readable
medium and operative with respect to a telephone
conversation having at least one party operating a mobile
telephone, comprising instructions for:

25 responsive to receiving an indication from a second
party, writing data to a billing record to indicate that
the second party has been billed for mobile telephone

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airtime charges of the at least one party operating a
mobile telephone, wherein the second party is a party
other than the at least one party operating a mobile
telephone and the second party is other than a party

5   initiating the call.

17.   The computer program product of claim 16, wherein
the second party is a party to the telephone
conversation.

18.   The computer program product of claim 16, wherein
10   the second party is operating a mobile telephone.

19.   The computer program product of claim 16, wherein
the second party is operating a telephone that is not a
mobile telephone.

20.   The computer program product of claim 16, comprising
15   additional instructions for:

receiving an indication from the second party; and

responsive to the indication, performing the writing
20   step.

21.   The computer program product of claim 20, wherein
the indication includes a signal generated in response to
the second party's actuating a control on a telephone.

22.   The computer program product of claim 16, comprising
25   additional instructions for:

connecting a telephone call from the at least one party
operating a mobile telephone to the second party; and

responsive to connecting the telephone call, performing
5   the writing step.

23.   The computer program product of claim 16, comprising
additional instructions for:

writing data to the billing record to indicate that the
10 second party has been billed for additional charges of
the at least one party operating a mobile telephone that
are other than mobile telephone airtime charges.

24.   The computer program product of claim 23, wherein
the additional charges include at least one of long
15 distance charges, local toll charges, and local telephone
call charges.

25.   The computer program product of claim 16, comprising
additional instructions for:

20 presenting an indication to the at least one party
operating a mobile telephone that the at least one party
operating a mobile telephone will not be billed for the
mobile telephone airtime charges.

26.   A computer program product in a computer readable
25 medium, comprising instructions for:

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receiving a request from a first party to accept charges
accrued by a second party for a telephone call in
progress; and

5   responsive to the request, writing data to a billing
record to indicate that the first party has been billed
for the telephone call.

27. The computer program product of claim 26, wherein
the charges include at least one of mobile telephone
10 airtime charges, long-distance charges, and local
telephone charges.

28. The computer program product of claim 26, wherein
the second party operates a mobile telephone.

29. The computer program product of claim 26, wherein
15 the second party operates a telephone that is not a
mobile telephone.

30. The computer program product of claim 26, wherein
the indication includes a signal generated in response to
the second party's actuating a control on a telephone.

20 31. A data processing system operative with respect to a
telephone conversation having at least one party
operating a mobile telephone, comprising:

a bus system;

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a processing unit including at least one processor; and

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a memory containing a set of instructions,

wherein the processing unit executes the set of
instructions to perform the acts of:

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responsive to receiving an indication from a second
party, writing data to a billing record to indicate that
the second party has been billed for mobile telephone
airtime charges of the at least one party operating a
10   mobile telephone, wherein the second party is a party
other than the at least one party operating a mobile
telephone and the second party is other than a party
initiating the call.

32.   The data processing system of claim 31, wherein the
15   second party is a party to the telephone conversation.

33.   The data processing system of claim 31, wherein the
second party is operating a mobile telephone.

34.   The data processing system of claim 31, wherein the
second party is operating a telephone that is not a
20   mobile telephone.

35.   The data processing system of claim 31, wherein the
processing unit executes the set of instructions to
perform the additional acts of:

25   receiving an indication from the second party; and

responsive to the indication, performing the writing
step.

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36.   The data processing system of claim 35, wherein the indication includes a signal generated in response to the second party's actuating a control on a telephone.

37.   The data processing system of claim 31, wherein the
5   processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform the additional acts of:

connecting a telephone call from the at least one party operating a mobile telephone to the second party; and
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responsive to connecting the telephone call, performing the writing step.

38.   The data processing system of claim 31, further comprising:
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writing data to the billing record to indicate that the second party has been billed for additional charges of the at least one party operating a mobile telephone that are other than mobile telephone airtime charges.

20   39.   The data processing system of claim 38, wherein the additional charges include at least one of long distance charges, local toll charges, and local telephone call charges.

40.   The data processing system of claim 31, wherein the
25   processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform the additional act of:

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presenting an indication to the at least one party operating a mobile telephone that the at least one party operating a mobile telephone will not be billed for the mobile telephone airtime charges.

5   41.   A data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a processing unit including at least one processor; and

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a memory containing a set of instructions,

wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to perform the acts of:

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receiving a request from a first party to accept charges accrued by a second party for a telephone call in progress; and

20   responsive to the request, writing data to a billing record to indicate that the first party has been billed for the telephone call in progress.

42.   The data processing system of claim 41, wherein the charges include at least one of mobile telephone airtime
25   charges, long-distance charges, and local telephone charges.

43.   The data processing system of claim 41, wherein the second party operates a mobile telephone.

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44. The data processing system of claim 41, wherein the second party operates a telephone that is not a mobile telephone.

45. The data processing system of claim 41, wherein the
5 indication includes a signal generated in response to the second party's actuating a control on a telephone.